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Gary K. Michelson)	
Serial No.: 09/921,851)	Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: August 3, 2001)	Examiner: B. Snow
For METHOD FOR FORMING A	ĺ	

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SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE)
CONFIGURATION (as amended))

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Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In reply to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

METHOD FOR FORMING A SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE CONFIGURATION